

1. INCREASE IN THE RATE OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON:

“Stainless steel flat products, classifiable under tariff subheadings 7219.11.90, 7219.12.90, 7219.13.90, 7219.14.90, 7220.12.90, 7219.21.90, 7219.22.90, 7219.23.90, 7219.24.90, 7219.31.90, 7219.32.90, 7219.33.90, 7219.34.90, 7219.35.90, 7220.20.90 and 7220.90.90, from 5% to 10%.

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REASONS FOR THE APPLICATION:

The applicant submitted, *inter alia*, the following reasons for the application:

- Columbus is the only producer of stainless steel flat products in the SACU region and a key supporter of the government’s local beneficiation drive;
- The company is a significant employer in the Mpumalanga area and indirectly supports employment in both the upstream and downstream stainless steel industries;
- In recent years, various key international markets have imposed several restrictive trade measures on imports of stainless steel flat products. This, combined with the significant global overcapacity for stainless steel flat products, will result in significant volumes of low-priced stainless steel flat products imported into SACU; and
- As a result, Columbus’ continued operations is faced with significant risk that would lead to reduced production volumes and job losses.

PUBLICATION PERIOD:

Representations should be submitted to the above address within **four (4) weeks** of the date of this Notice